

Remarks/Arguments

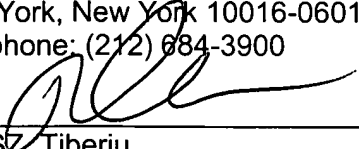
Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 as being anticipated Nozaki. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Nozaki discloses adding an audio signal to an optical presentation while in the present invention, an optical signal is added to an audio presentation. Thus the reference and the subject application pertain to different problems and offer different, and somewhat opposite solutions. New claim 19 replaces original claim 1 and defines the invention more clearly.

The Examiner also rejected claim 14 as being obvious over Tanaka in view of Fields. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The Applicant does not contest that it is known in the prior art to convert the right and left channels of an audio signals into a visual image. What is novel is the use of this technique to determine if the audio signals have a characteristic that may have been changed as the audio signals have undergone some complex processing and may have been transmitted between various locations. The present inventors have realized that it is important to note during such conversions whether the audio signals have had their characteristics changed, including, for instances, changes in polarity or phase. None of the prior art reference indicate this claimed feature. Accordingly , it is respectfully submitted that the subject application should be allowed.

Applicant states that by these amendments new matter is being added to the subject application. Entry into the record is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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